

REMARKS

As a result of the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been modified so that component C does not have a lower alcohol group. As the Examiner pointed out in the outstanding Office Action, the basis of the rejection over the Brush et al. '086 patent based on anticipation is that the Brush et al. patent includes a lower alcohol group, namely, a proponol group. However, the nucleotide now claimed does not contain such a lower alcohol group. Accordingly, the Brush et al. reference does not anticipate the present invention as claimed and the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 should be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendment, it is submitted that this application is now in condition for Allowance and favorable reconsideration and prompt notice of allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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